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NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR EGYPT

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO SADAT
THROUGH FAHMY:

2. QUOTE: THE PRESS IS BEGINNING TO CARRY STORIES CONCERN-
ING OUR FUTURE PLANS AND POLICY ON SUPPLYING MILITARY
EQUIPMNET TO EGYPT. MANY OF THESE STORIES ARE INACCURATE
AND DISTORTED AND WE CAN EXPECT THAT MORE OF THEM WILL
APPEAR IN THE COMING WEEKS. SOME OF THEM WILL BE INSPIRED
BY THOSE WHO SEEK TO PUT OBSTACLES IN THE PATH OF OUR DE-
TERMINATION TO MOVE AHEAD ON THIS ISSUE. YOU MAY ALSO
HAVE SEEN REPORTS ATTRIBUTED TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN THAT
ISRAEL OPPOSES THE SUPPLY OF ANY AMERICAN ARMS TO EGYPT.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE INTEND TO PROCEED AS WE AGREED
ON THIS MATTER OF IMPORTANCE TO BOTH OF US. WE WILL BEGIN
TO CONSULT WITH THE CONGRESS SOON AFTER IT RETURNS THE
MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH FROM ITS CURRENT RECESS, TO LAY THE
GROUNDWORK FOR INCREASED UNDERSTANDING IN THE CONGRESS AND
AMONG THE PUBLIC. THIS WILL RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC
DEBATE AND EXCITEMENT IN THE PRESS. THIS MESSAGE IS
THEREFORE SIMPLY TO ALERT YOU TO THE LIKELIHOOD OF

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INCREASED ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE AND TO ASK THAT YOU

BEAR WITH US AS WE GO THROUGH THIS NECESSARY DOMESTIC
PROCESS. THE AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY BEING GENERATED EVEN
BEFORE WE START FORMAL CONSULTATIONS UNDERLINES THE
NEED, AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, TO PROCEED AT A
CAREFUL PACE IN THIS MATTER. I REPEAT, HOWEVER, THAT
WE ARE DETERMINED TO FOLLOW THROUGH AS WE AGREED AND
WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO WIN THE REQUISITE SUPPORT IN THE
CONGRESS.
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